



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

June 7, 2000

Mr. Edward Polen
President
EMCO Chemical Distributors, Inc.
P.O. Box 1030
2100 Commonwealth Avenue
North Chicago, Illinois 60064

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

SR-6J

VIA FACSIMILE AND
REGULAR MAIL

Re: Vacant Lot Superfund Site (the Site)
North Chicago, Lake County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Polen:

This letter will confirm our previous discussions concerning your upcoming activities at this Site, which you are buying from its present owner under a Prospective Purchaser Agreement (PPA).

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has conducted an extensive removal action at this Site and believes it has removed all soil contamination above the removal action levels for the Site. The PPA acknowledges that your company will be doing some limited further excavation as part of its redevelopment of the Site property. In the unlikely event your excavations uncover further contamination above the removal action levels, there is nothing in the PPA that prevents you from bringing this contamination to the U.S. EPA's attention and requesting that the U.S. EPA perform supplemental cleanup activities. In fact, if anything, the PPA encourages you to do so.

If further contamination above the removal action levels is brought to the U.S. EPA's attention, it will follow its ordinary procedures for deciding if Superfund cleanup actions are necessary, and will fund and perform those activities that are necessary and appropriate. It is in the U.S. EPA's interest to make sure its Superfund cleanups are thorough and complete.

Thank you for your interest in returning this Site to productive use. Please contact me at (312) 886-1477, if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

John J. O'Grady
Remedial Project Manager
Superfund Division

cc: D. Bruce, U.S. EPA
T. Krueger, U.S. EPA

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